

To: FCC Commissioners

NRTN is a provider of legacy mobile radio service to rural Eastern Nevada, and has provided this service for many years. We have tried for five or six years to get Nevada Bell to provide access lines to our facilities. Though Nevada Bell provides state-of-the-art fiber service to its own customers, its subsidiaries, and other competitors at the common radio site located on Winnemucca Mountain, Nevada Bell has refused to provide requested interconnection services to NRTN. The insufficient, inadequate, and substandard facilities that Nevada Bell has provided guarantees that our customers would be unsatisfied with the proposed services should we put them into the marketplace. Our equipment sits idle, the customers without service, and our bills unpaid. Such is the state of interconnection in Nevada.

In 2000, at the direction of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, orders were placed BY the PUCN for our interconnect facilities. To date, not even the PUCN was able to get those orders fulfilled, and the person there threw up his hands, telling us to seek redress from this Commission. The bureau in charge of resolving these problems has yet to return or acknowledge our complaints. Such is the state of respect that Nevada Bell has for the PUCN.

NRTN has refused to make payments that are demanded in violation of the orders of this Commission. Nevada Bell has not been entitled to these payments since 1996, but continues to bill these unauthorized charges. Nevada Bell has made threats of disconnection of development and test circuits should these payments not be made upon their demands. Nevada Bell has refused to return payments collected without benefit of tariff, and in direct violation of the orders of this Commission. Such is the state of Nevada Bell's compliance with the orders of this Commission and the laws of congress.

Now Nevada Bell comes to this Commission, claiming full and complete compliance, and points to an invisible but robust competitive environment. Eastern Nevadans are used to this, and step highly through the field to avoid getting any on our boots. It is up to this Commission to examine the statements of Nevada Bell in view of what has been filed here and elsewhere, and make a determination as to whether Nevada Bell is lying.

Once that has been accomplished, this application must be rejected. The facts we rely upon are on Nevada Bell's own letterhead; there is no way Nevada Bell can square what they say in the application with what they have done.

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